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SUBJECT:FOREIGN OPERATING RIGHTS - ADVANCED RANGE
INSTRUMENTATION AIRCRAFT (ARIA)

1. THE USAF HAS A REQUIREMENT TO PROVIDE REAL TIME
TELEMETRY SUPPORT FOR THE LAUNCH OF A USAF SATELLITE IN
ORDER TO ESTABLISH ITS EXACT ORBITAL CHARACTERISTICS.
TO ACCOMPLISH THIS, USAF PROPOSES TO DEPLOY AN ARIA TO
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ARGENTINA TO RECEIVE, RECORD AND RETRANSMIT THE SATELLITE
TELEMETRY DATA BACK TO THE USAF EASTERN TEST RANGE. REQUEST
EMBASSY SEEK APPROVAL OF THE GOVERNMENT OF ARGENTINA FOR
THE OPERATION DETAILED BELOW. ONE MODIFIED BOEING 707,
AF NOMENCLATURE, EC-135N, CALL SIGN AGAR, WOULD DEPLOY
FROM WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB, OHIO SO AS TO ARRIVE EZEIZA,
ARGENTINA 18 JUL 78. THE AIRCRAFT WOULD STAGE FROM

EZEIZA ON 20 JUL 78 AND FLY DIRECTLY TO ITS TEST SUPPORT POSITION APPROXIMATELY 1500 NM SOUTHEAST OF BUENOS AIRES AT FLIGHT LEVEL 300. AS THE SATELLITE PASSES OVERHEAD, TELEMETRY DATA WOULD BE RECEIVED/RECORDED AND RETRANSMITTED TO THE TEST RANGE USER IN REAL TIME. AFTER MISSION SUPPORT, THE AIRCRAFT WOULD RETURN TO EZEIZA BY THE MOST DIRECT ROUTE, REMAIN OVERNIGHT FOR CREW REST AND THEN REDEPLOY TO ITS HOME STATION. ENROUTE REFUELING STOPS AND CREW REST STOPS ARE PLANNED FOR ZANDERIJ. SURINAM 15-16 JULY 78 AND

21-22 JUL 78, GALEAO, BRAZIL 16-18 JUL 78 AND 20-21 JUL 78. DEPLOYMENT AND REDEPLOYMENT BETWEEN BRAZIL AND ARGENTINA WILL REQUIRE AN OVERFLIGHT OF URUGUAY ON 18 JUL 78 AND AGAIN ON 20 JUL 78.

2. THE AIRCRAFT WOULD BE MANNED AND OPERATED BY A CREW OF 22 USAF MILITARY PERSONNEL INCLUDING SEVEN OFFICERS, ONE DOD CIVILIAN, AND 14 ENLISTED MEN. ALL WOULD BE U.S. CITIZENS IN POSSESSION OF OFFICIAL PASSPORTS. EXACT CREW NAMES, RANK/GRADE AND SSN'S ARE UNKNOWN AT THIS TIME. NO VIPS, CARGO OR CLASSIFIED EQUIPMENT WOULD BE CARRIED.

3. AIRCRAFT WOULD REQUIRE UP TO 140,000 POUNDS OF JET FUEL (JP 4 OR 5 OR EQUIVALENT) AND 670 U.S. GALLONS OF DEMINERALIZED WATER AT EACH REFUELING STOP. FOR EACH ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE, A PASSENGER RAMP, MD-3 POWER UNIT
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(OR SUITABLE EQUIVALENT) AND A MA-1A (AIR START CART) IS REQUIRED. THE AIRCRAFT WOULD NOT HAVE A REQUIREMENT FOR HIGH FREQUENCY RADIO CONTACT WITH ITS CONTROLLING UNIT. RADIO FREQUENCY AUTHORIZATION WOULD NOT BE REQUIRED. ALL SUPPORT DETAILS WOULD BE PROVIDED IN THE AIRCRAFT DIPLOMATIC CLEARANCE REQUEST WHICH WOULD BE PROVIDED WELL IN ADVANCE OF THE OPERATION. THE FOLLOWING SCHEDULE IS CURRENTLY PLANNED:

ARRIVE LOCATION ----- DEPART PURPOSE

----- WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB ----- DEPLOY
15 JUL ZANDERIJ, SURINAM 16 JUL CREW REST/FUEL
16 JUL GALEAO, BRAZIL --- 18 JUL CREW REST/FUEL
18 JUL URUGUAY ----- 18 JUL (OVERFLIGHT ONLY)
18 JUL EZEIZA, ARGENTINA 20 JUL MISSION SUPPORT
20 JUL URUGUAY ----- 20 JUL (OVERFLIGHT ONLY)
20 JUL GALEAO, BRAZIL --- 21 JUL CREW REST/FUEL
21 JUL ZANDERIJ, SURINAM 22 JUL CREW REST/FUEL
----- WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB

NOTE: ACTUAL LAUNCH MAY BE DELAYED THUS CAUSING TOTAL

PROGRAM DELAY.

4. THE AIRCREW WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO DETERMINE THE LAUNCH CHARACTERISTICS OR PERFORMANCE OF THE SATELLITE DURING THE MISSION SUPPORT. HOWEVER, THEY WOULD BE ABLE TO ADVISE LOCAL OFFICIALS WHETHER THE MISSION APPEARED NORMAL. ADDITIONALLY, DATA PERTAINING TO THE AIRCRAFT AND ITS EQUIPMENT IS RELEASABLE, AND WOULD BE FURNISHED UPON REQUEST. TOURS OF THE AIRCRAFT BY SELECTED SMALL GROUPS (15) COULD BE ARRANGED. IT IS REQUESTED, HOWEVER, THAT TOURS BE CONDUCTED AFTER THE MISSION SUPPORT SO THAT

CRITICALLY CALIBRATED MISSION SUPPORT EQUIPMENT IS NOT INADVERTENTLY DISTURBED.
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